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1-12. (CANCELED)

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A fork lift truck (10) comprising a truck body (12), a lift mechanism (14) connected to the truck body (12) by means of a vertically extending pivot (52) and means (24) for turning the lift mechanism (14) relative to the truck body (12) about said pivot (52) to steer the fork lift truck (10), the truck body (12) having a pair of ~~undriven~~ undrivable rear ground engaging wheels (16) mounted on transverse axes, and the lifting mechanism (14) having a single ground engaging front wheel (40) mounted centrally on a transverse axis, wherein ~~only the front wheel (40)~~ has a sole drive means (44, 46) drives the fork lift truck (10) and is only drivingly connected to the front wheel (40).

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fork lift truck (10) according to claim 13 wherein the lift mechanism (14) is pivoted to the truck body (12) at a steering angle of substantially 90° or more.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fork lift truck (10) according to claim 13 wherein the front wheel (40) is positioned forwardly of the pivot connection (52) between the truck body (12) and the lifting mechanism (14).

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fork lift truck (10) according to claim 13 wherein the front wheel (40) is positioned as far forward as possible towards a load bearing part (36) of the lifting mechanism (14).

17-19. (CANCELED)

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fork lift truck (10) according to claim 13, wherein the single ground engaging front wheel (40) is driven by one of an hydraulic and an electric motor (44).

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fork lift truck (10) according to claim 20, wherein the motor (44) is connected to the front wheel (40) by a gearbox (46).

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fork lift truck according to claim 20, wherein at least one of the motor (44) and the gearbox (46) is built partially into a hub of the front wheel (40).

23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fork lift truck according to claim 20, wherein the power for the motor (44) is provided by one of an engine (80) driven generator, a hydraulic pump (76,78), and a battery pack (64).

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24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fork lift truck according to claim 23, wherein the engine (80) is an internal combustion engine powered by fuel gas.

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A fork lift truck (10) having only three ground engaging wheels, the fork lift truck comprising a truck body (12) and a lift mechanism (14) connected to the truck body (12) by a vertically extending pivot (52), the truck body (12) having steering controls (24) for turning the lift mechanism (14), relative to the truck body (12) about the pivot (52), and steering the fork lift truck (10) during operation of the fork lift truck (10), the truck body (12) having only a pair of ~~undriven~~ undrivable rear ground engaging wheels (16) and the lifting mechanism (14) having only a single front ground engaging wheel (40), the vertically extending pivot (52) being located between the pair of rear ground engaging wheels (16) and ~~the single front ground engaging wheel (40) and only the single front ground engaging wheel (40) being driven by a drive (44, 46)~~ a sole drive means (44, 46) drives the fork lift truck (10) and is only drivingly connected to the front wheel (40).

26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A fork lift truck (10) having only three ground engaging wheels, the fork lift truck comprising a truck body (12) and a lift mechanism (14) ~~connected to, an arm (50) extends from the truck body (12) [[by]] and has a remote end coupled to a vertically extending pivot assembly (52), the truck body (12) having steering controls (24) for turning the lift mechanism (14), relative to the truck body (12) about the pivot assembly (52), and steering the fork lift truck (10) during operation of the fork lift truck (10), the truck body (12) having only a pair of nondriven rear ground engaging wheels (16) and the lifting mechanism (14) having only a single front ground engaging wheel (40), the vertically extending pivot assembly (52) being located between the steering controls (24) couples the remote end of the arm (50) and the lift mechanism (14) and holds the front ground engaging wheel (40), and only the single front ground engaging wheel (40) being driven by a drive (44, 46).~~

27. (NEW) The fork lift truck according to claim 26, wherein the fork lift truck (10) is only driven by the drive (44, 46), which is only connectable with the single front ground engaging wheel (40), such that only the single front ground engaging wheel (40) drives the fork lift truck (10)